



Terwilliger Fire Update

Southern Cascades Interagency Incident Management Team
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October 8, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.

Public Information Phone: (541) 822-8216 Available 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Special Announcements:

The public is asked to respect the road and area closures for protection to themselves and firefighters. Please refrain from entering the closed areas.

The Terwilliger Fire Area Closure implemented August 30th, 2018 by the Willamette National Forest remains in place. The Closure Area is being patrolled and enforced. It is entirely within Lane County Oregon and does not impact Oregon State Highway 126. Public and firefighter safety remains the priority.

Forest Service Road (FR) 19 and Terwilliger Hot Springs (also known as Cougar Hot Springs) are within the Terwilliger Area Closure. They remain closed due to unsafe conditions from gravity fall hazards, including rocks, debris and fire-weakened trees. The closure begins at the junction of FR 410 and continues south to Box Canyon. Members of the public should expect these closures to remain in effect for an extended period.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the McKenzie River Ranger District, Willamette National Forest, jointly responded to the report of the Terwilliger Fire with both aircraft and firefighter resources. Although the fire did not burn on to ODF-protected lands, the agency has stayed involved with suppression actions and planning.

Acreage: Estimated 11,555 **Completion:** 80% **Cause:** The fire is currently under investigation.

Resources: Total: 129: 2 type 2 IA hand crews, 1 light-lift helicopter, 6 engines, 1 dozer, 2 water tenders, 2 ambulances, and 16 heavy equipment. Additional contract resources are currently being utilized to facilitate much of the repair and mitigation work, including brushing and chipping operations.

Current Fire Information: Crews continue with mop-up operations along the western edge of the fire, with minimal smoke lingering under current weather conditions.

Additional felling teams have been brought in to continue work on hazard tree mitigation and removal. Crews are removing fire-weakened trees along hillsides and debris from roads. Heavy equipment, graders, and logging trucks continue to work and travel along the 19 road. Hazardous tree removal operations will increase over the next few days as crews haul material away from the fire area. Weather conditions, gravity hazards and unstable slopes continue to be the primary hazards.

Weather: Monday, cloudy conditions are expected with a continued chance for intermittent rain, but total accumulation is not anticipated to exceed two tenths of an inch. Occasional showers are forecast through Tuesday and Wednesday, with warmer and drier conditions to follow later in the week. Winds are predicted to be light, around 4 to 7 mph out of the northwest, with a high of 55 degrees and a low of 45 degrees.

Closures: Terwilliger Area Closure Order # 06-18-01-18-19 may be viewed at <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7>

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